City of Danville Open Burning



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In accordance with the *Code of the City of Danville*, *Chapter 14*, *Article V, Open Burning*, open burning in the City of Danville is not permitted, with the following **exceptions**:

- Camp fires, or fires used solely for recreation purposes or for cooking, and for warming of outdoor workers (Dry wood must be used—no construction debris or trash). These fires must be a minimum of 25 feet from any structure and provisions shall be made to prevent the fire from spreading to within 25 feet of any structure. In approved containers the distance is reduced to 15 feet.
- 2. Leaves and tree, yard and garden trimmings.
 - a. The burning must take place on private property.
 - Burning must not be less than 300 feet from any building unless the occupants have given <u>written</u> permission (other than a building located on the property on which the burning is conducted).
 - c. Open burning shall not be less than 50 feet from any structure, and provisions shall be made to prevent the fire from spreading to within 50 feet of any structure.

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3. Open burning for disposal of land clearing material or modification of roads and highways, parking areas, buildings, etc.: Contact the Danville Fire Marshal's office at 434-799-5226.

Between February 15th and April 30th no one can burn before 4:00 PM if the fire is in or within 300 feet of woodland, brushland or fields containing dry grass or other flammable material.



Each violation of the *Code of the City of Danville Chapter 14*, *Article V, Open Burning*, is punishable as a Class I misdemeanor.



The public should also be aware that although the burning is conducted with permission and by the regulations, they are not exempt from any consequences, liability, damages or

injuries which may result from the burning. Also, open burning shall be constantly attended until the fire is extinguished and the attendee must have immediate access to some form of approved fire-extinguishing equipment, such as dirt, sand, water or fire extinguisher.



If the burning becomes a smoke or ash nuisance or upon declaration of an alert, warning, or emergency conditions, **ALL** burning may be halted.

For further information concerning open burning, Contact:

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